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MISCELLANIES.

TRAGEDY OF ERRORS.

"Mr. Smith's house is in flames!" was the impudent exclamation of a wag who wished to procure a comfortable seat at the theatre on a crowded occasion. The anecdote is an old one, but indeed a fact intimately connected with the following story, and that fact is, that Smith is not only a [illegible], but carries a Common name, in spite of grammatical definition. The catalogue of all North Americans now [illegible] to have enjoyed the privilege of being [illegible], would unquestionably show that [illegible] of them claim the cognomens of Abbot, [illegible] Smith; and the last mentioned comprehends two-thirds of the majority. Would to heaven the myriads of Smiths in the world had been diminished by one, [illegible] myself! for willing as the circumstances [illegible] the misfortune such as seldom falls to the lot of a young gentleman, engaged like myself in the quiet pursuits of literature. Willingly would I have bartered the diplomatical epithet for that of Praise-God-Barebones; and when have I mathematical the propriety who first adopted it. But as it may not be good policy for a writer, in an age of refinement, and on the threshold of a story, to incur the charge of vulgarity or obscurity, merely because [illegible] heaven no vulgar vituperative [illegible] given me without [illegible] at the baptismal [illegible] simply stated the grounds of my antipathy.

[illegible] sixteen, being thrown out of employment in a [illegible], I resolved to spend a portion of my time in making better preparation for [illegible] by learning the art of Book-keeping. The best teacher then in our [illegible] Old Testament. Supposing [illegible] to discharge their duties faithfully, there never was a more [illegible] of character. Mr. Timepiece possessed what may be still called a [illegible] affection for the mathematics and a supreme indifference for every other pursuit. Nothing indeed but necessity would have induced him to meddle with a branch of knowledge even so little removed from them as Book-keeping. Practically he worshipped as a divinity, and seldom swerved from its dictates. All men of this character have their favorite hobbies. Some are upon the point of getting the Longitude at sea; others have driven the square of the circle into a corner; and others again are just about nailing the latter and of an infinite series. I was curious to learn what "theoclem fabric" was busying the brain of my master; and the old creature soon gratified me, for he seemed to have taken a fancy to his new pupil.

One day, when I remained alone with him to borrow a little knightlate the mysteries of Double Entry, he stepped cautiously across the room, unlocked a remarkably nice jointed, beechwood box about twelve inches square, and returned to me with the same caution, bearing in his hand a shining circular contrivance not unlike in a pot-lid. "This," said he, "is a Sundial, wherein all the common imperfections of that instrument are rectified."

He then entered into an elaborate exposition of his own improvements, talked much about apogee and perigee, and concluded by requesting me not to drop a syllable of what he had unfolded.—"For," said he, "should one of my brethren get the slightest clue to the secret, he may rain the scheme I have in view, and blast in a moment the cherished hopes of twenty years. My plan is this. When I shall have realized money enough to defray the expense of such an undertaking, I shall embark for London and seek, at the court of St. James, that patronage in which our own country is so lamentably deficient." With becoming solemnity I promised not to betray his confidence.—His secret, lest he was probably aware of it, will go down with him to the grave.

When visits of Mr. Timepiece leave him confounded with a numerous class of men. His identity centered in his personal appearance, which seemed to be an exception to the general mutability of human things. His pantaloons were of dingy black broad-cloth; so was his coat; so was his waistcoat. The latter exhibited a prominent button of which looked like [illegible] of the throat, had deep pockets [illegible]. A felt hat, perfectly [illegible], seemed to cling with [illegible] to the back part of a sandy wig, which clung with equal energy to the burnished globe beneath. The [illegible], though uniformly [illegible], gave no other indication of outer being changed. As for the protruding calves and gaiters of our day, he would have sacrificed his sundial rather than adopt them. Not even the equinoctial gales could induce him to button his outer coat. Two pillars of white cotton hose, which seemed to grow wider as their contents gradually piled away, [illegible] in wonderful abscission, the seat of winter and the knee of summer. In walking, his body inclined forward at a given angle, he traversed the street in right lines, and turned all corners in mathematical curves. An enormous ivory-headed cane, that might have served for a leaping-pole, was the sole and never failing attendant of his perambulations, or, I should say rather, it constituted a part of himself. The unchangeableness of his apparel contributes him so closely to Dominie Sampson that I shall not dwell upon it longer, for fear of committing unintentional plagiarisms. Suffice it to say, therefore, that no one who had once seen Mr. Timepiece would hesitate to swear to his identity at any distance of time or place.

A month after my acquaintance with him as a master, my own prospects suddenly changed. A concurrence of fortunate circumstances putting it in my power to get an academical education, I gave up all thoughts of commerce and took, as I imagined, an eternal farewell of Old Timepiece, never to forget, and never to be forgotten by him.

A year from this period was spent in preparation for College, after which I was admitted to the flourishing Institution at Brunswick, in the State of Maine. The reader will perhaps be surprised to find me so little scrupulous about the names of persons and places: he is welcome to continue in his surprise. My name is John Smith: yet I defy all New-England to discover which John Smith is here intended. Moreover, any one of that name, has my free permission to claim this narrative, and much credit may it do him.

In the mean time let the reader imagine that three years more have elapsed; that he beholds John Smith a Senior of Bowdoin College, sitting in his room on a pleasant afternoon of the winter term, and poring over a lesson in Butler's Analogy. Such, precisely, was my situation, when some one knocked at the door of my room. I knew by the sound that it must be a stranger, for a student's rap is as peculiar as the countersign of a freemason; and although unwilling to be disturbed at the moment, I thought it best to say "come in." On turning round to look at my visitant, what was my surprise to see an aged man, dressed in a dingy suit of black broad cloth, with a felt hat, perfectly clean, and perfectly furless, stooping at a given angle, and bearing in his hand an enormous ivory-headed cane. It will readily be supposed that there was no mistaking him.

"How do you do Mr. Timepiece," I exclaimed, springing across the room and heartily shaking his hand, which returned my grasp with equal good will. "Why, Mr. Timepiece! this is quite an unexpected pleasure, I assure you—I really thought you were in London, negotiating a patent for your Sundial—but perhaps you have already been there, and succeeded in your application, of course—let me see; it is now four years since we met."

This soliloquy, which is continuous here, was interrupted at the time by considerable pauses.—But as my visitant continued smiling, and bowing, and cropping round with singular alertness and activity, yet without uttering a syllable, I went on talking, to relieve the embarrassment of an interview which threatened otherwise to be entirely pantomimic. "But, Mr. Timepiece, I ask your pardon—suffer me to take your hat and give you a seat." He declined the offer of a chair with an abundance of polite yet unnatural gesticulation, and the same gracious yet incomprehensible smile. Confounded at this equivocal proceeding, I set my wits to work to divine the cause. He has undoubtedly come upon no very acceptable errand. I must have forgotten to pay his bill for book-keeping; or else somebody has forestalled his eternal sundial, and he comes to accuse me of letting the cat out of the bag, when I have never had hold of the strings. By this time, vexation had got the upper hand of good breeding, and I was upon the point of telling him either to open his clamshells or quit the room, when I saw him shambling towards me in the same uncouth style, pointing down his throat with the fore-finger of one hand and fumbling in his pocket with the other. What! starving? thought I, egad, here comes an explanation in shape either of bill or beggary. He shall get as much for one as for the other. The poor wretch however, may have returned from London with "pockets to let," and don't like to say so excepting by proxy. These conjectures were speedily set to rest by the appearance of a College Catalogue, upon which he pointed out the name of Smith, and against it "Room No. 8," at the same time looking a note of interrogation into my face. "Yes," said I, "that is my name, and that is my number. No mistake here Mr. Timepiece, and I shall feel unutterably obliged to you, if you will sit down and unfold the object of your visit."

Here he shook his head by way of negation, yet with so good-natured a look that I began to pity him, begging him to throw off false delicacy, and speak out. At this exhortation, into which I threw all the eloquence of politeness, his mouth opened an inch wider; his smile was transformed into a suspicious grin, and he began to back out of the room! The truth now struck me like a clap of thunder—leaving its simplicity. I had been talking to a deaf and dumb man. But how he had got possession of the plan, costume, manners and ivory-headed cane of old Timepiece, was an unfathomable mystery. It must be, thought I, [illegible] has undergone this [illegible] Providence; yet why that [illegible] thought struck me. I caught up the [illegible] which was lying on the table [illegible] enigma was solved. Against the name of my class-mate and name-sake, Jonathan Smith, stood "No. 8, M. H." that is Maine Hall: whereas, against my own was "No. 8, S. C." or New College. It is surprising that my class-mate's name did not occur to me sooner; but with regard to his room, although I was perfectly familiar with its situation, and entered it almost every day, yet the number might have been painted over it till the end of time, without striking me the wiser. The knowledge of my own number, therefore, and ignorance of my class-mate's, blinded me to the distinction of our dormitories, and of the two buildings—an oversight natural enough for one provided as I was, and at the time, wholly unsuspicious of an error. I now concluded that the man was an unfortunate relative of my class-mate; that he had called at my room through ignorance of the place; been confounded at first by his familiar and loquacious reception, and finally satisfied that I was making a fool of him. Anxious to do away the last impression, I advanced towards him with this object in view; for it may be recollected that the train of thought here transcribed, occupied but an instant in passing through the mind. The method I took to persuade him that I now understood the state of things was not, certainly, the most expert; but had any [illegible] been placed in my perplexing situation, [illegible] would probably have acted in like manner. For I unconsciously accompanied the most lively and expressive gestures with a torrent of useless words. But it was too late. The dumb man discovering his own mistake immediately after entering the room, had produced the catalogue by way of explanation; and seeing me persevere in the same mode of treatment he naturally and firmly concluded that I was quizzing.—The only effect, therefore, of my best overtures was to fix him more firmly in this belief. He had now reached the door, and was groping for the latch behind his back; scraping, bowing, shaking his head and still persevering in his satanic grin. A predicament so essentially desperate, completely nettled me. Patience gave up the ghost. I told the dumb man to go to the d——l, flung myself into a chair, placed my feet over the fireplace and resumed the lesson in Butler; for it was four o'clock and we recited at five. The position I took left the door behind me; so that I could not see my visitant quit the room. But his exit was made known by a violent slam of the door, with a subsequent stamping and rattling of the cane which indicated no very conciliating feeling towards me. It had the effect however, to make me good humored again. Such a manifestation of rage, following such a profusion of smiles and graces, had too much of the ridiculous in it to be resisted. I burst into a loud and unrestrained fit of laughter, threw aside Butler and ran over, without a hat, to the room of my class-mate and name-sake, determined to get a thorough explanation. The celerity of the dumb man's motions was a fresh source of mirth: for he had scarcely had time to descend the stairs, yet I did not overtake him in the entry. Taking the front side of Maine Hall, I entered the Northwestern door and dashed into Smith's room—forgetting in my hurry the usual ceremony of knocking.—The room was vacant. Butler's Analogy lay open on the table.—Concluding that the occupant had stepped into a neighbor's apartment and would soon return, I sat down to finish the lesson. I was just winding up a sentence on a subject of our perceptive powers when the door opened, and I did not immediately turn to explain the reason of my intrusion. Delay is dangerous says the wise man. Before I got an opportunity to apologize for my ill manners, they were punished by a blow on the head with Butler far beyond the pale of memory, and doubled every object in the room. On looking round to see where the compliment came from, I beheld the counterpart of Old Timepiece, foaming with rage, his mouth bloody, and his ivory-headed cane in the act of a second descent upon my knowledge box. Content with the first, I dodged like a belaugered squirrel, darting through the door which had been providentially left open, and making for my own room with as little deviation as the state of my intellects permitted. A very consoling spectacle awaited me here. Nothing less than Jonathan Smith sitting at ease in my chair and studying my Butler. At this moment I could have subscribed conscientiously to the doctrine of the direct agency of Satan in human affairs.

"Out upon you!" cried I, "I have seen enough of your family to day. But how in the name of the black art came you here?"

"O! I called in to ask you whether or no a strange looking elderly gentleman, deaf and dumb, has been here to day!"

"Why—yes. I begin to have a feeble recollection of some such person. But what of him?"

"He was introduced to me this noon at the boarding-house, and promised to call upon me at half-past three this afternoon. I gave him a catalogue for his direction: but after waiting in vain till four, his non-appearance made me suspect he had mistaken the buildings; gone to your room and found the occupant absent. Or, perhaps you sent him packing. If so, I wish to get trace of him again for the sake of civility. He is from the Connecticut Asylum—has a talent for painting, and is travelling through the country taking portraits."

"Very probable. He was [illegible] taking mine: and I will do him the credit to say that he works with despatch. Don't flatter much, I imagine? But how long have you been here?"

"Not more than a minute or two."—

"And when did you leave your own room?"

"Ten minutes ago, perhaps. But you are very particular in your queries."

"Yes. But did it occupy you eight minutes to come round the colleges?"

"Not exactly; I stopped awhile in Bartlett's room."

"Did you meet no one on the way?"

"Not a soul."

"This is very extraordinary! By which door did you leave your building?"

"Why really, I can hardly recollect. Let me see though: yes; I took the North-eastern door. But let me know the point, the drift of this catechising before you proceed."

"Have patience my friend, [illegible] indebted to you for a moderate head-ache, and expect your forbearance while I pick for more information.—For instance, what have you been doing to the door of my quad-room? Have in the dutch boxes double, and did hatch in the middle of the room."

"I know nothing about it. It was just as when I came in."

"This is satisfactory. But you must not stay here longer. Run directly to your own room; I will see you again shortly. The dumb man is already there, and you may tell him I wish he had the gaby too."

The foregoing conversation cleared up the whole mystery to my mind; but others may require a more minute explanation. Should the reader ever pass through the snug little village of Brunswick, I will thank him to call at No. 8 New College, and cast his eyes round the apartments. He will then perceive that the door of the wood-closet and that of the room are nearly contiguous. He will see further, that the former has a latch upon the outside, without any communication from within, so that the closet itself forms a perfect box trap. Into this "black hole" had the dumb man backed, while he was making his unnoticed bows; and it was a mistake that I believe the reader himself would commit, should he happen to forget this caution; for I never saw a stranger attempt to leave one of these rooms without first opening the wrong door. A person in his right senses and a proper position would, indeed, soon rectify the error. But my dumb friend's intellects had not been sharpened by the occurrences of the afternoon; and he had closed the door upon himself, with all the vehemence of passion. The stamping and rattling, which caused me to laugh so immoderately, was occasioned by his stumbling over the loose wood lying about the closet floor. In this manner also he probably received the bruise in his mouth which I had just seen stained with blood; or it was done in forcing the door. Whether his senses could make him aware of my boisterous mirth, and immediate retreat from the room, I never ascertained. But his indignation at meeting me again at No. 8 Maine Hall, sitting at my ease with all the dignity of a proprietor, and all the coolness of one who had never seen him—is readily accounted for, and seems to justify his summary mode of revenge.

In the course of the evening, friend Smith, called upon me for a solution. I gave him the foregoing particulars at which he laughed heartily; advising me to publish the story and call it the Comedy of Errors. "But," said I, "recollect my broken head." "True," he retorted, "then it shall be the Tragedy of Errors." "So it shall," I replied, "if it is ever printed." With regard to the wonderful similarity of appearance which had so completely deceived me, my friend thought it need not be so strong as I imagined; observing that, as I had not seen Old Timepiece for several years, a partial resemblance was enough to occasion the mistake. But this point I should never concede. The picture of Mr. Timepiece had made a distinct and indelible impression upon me. I prefer, therefore, to consider the Phenomenon as a species of miracle and ascribe it to one of nature's freaks. In return for what I had communicated, Smith gave me a further account of his dumb friend; stating that he left the asylum in Connecticut with a view to practice his art, upon which he chiefly relied for a subsistence. His success, I believe fully answered his expectations. He has left several specimens of his skill in Brunswick and the neighboring villages, which [illegible] seen to this day. Should he ever take a correct likeness of himself, I shall endeavor to purchase and present it to his mathematical counterpart, who will thus have his own portrait without the trouble of sitting for it.

A day or two after the adventure here related, a reconciliation and better acquaintance took place between us through the mediation of my class-mate; when I embraced the opportunity to sound his feelings on the subject of our first rencontre. The result was a further elucidation.—After emerging from the closet, "vi et armis," he proceeded to execute his intention of calling upon my class-mate, in whose dominions he found me, and avenged himself as before described. It was during the interval of his departure and my return, that Jonathan Smith had quitted Bartlett's room, to exercise in mine, the same liberties I had taken with his. One unlucky suspicion still remains in my dumb friend's bosom in relation to the closet-scene. He admitted my innocence in every thing else, but never seemed to be satisfied that I was ignorant at the time, of his entrapment.

Our conferences were made at first in writing: but subsequently he taught me the pantomimic alphabet in the use of which I became quite expert. This is formed partly by the fingers, and partly by throwing about the arms and holding them in different positions.

In travelling about the country, the poor man introduced himself by means of letters, explaining his condition and business to an artist.

The degree of culture which a [illegible] by nature may receive from education; the enjoyments thus brought within its reach, and the field of utility thus spread before it, are considerations honorable to a country which supports more than one of the noblest institutions ever yet devised. The [illegible] sanctity attached to [illegible]. We cannot but regard their objects as [illegible], yet as acceptable and glorious [illegible] wrought by Divine power [illegible] philanthropy.

The speechless artist remained in Brunswick several weeks, at the end of which time I had become an intimate acquaintance. On taking leave he informed me that he should [illegible] Boston. I replied that our [illegible] May, when I also should be [illegible] pected the pleasure of [illegible] the trunk, had little expected [illegible] thing, and doubt much whether [illegible] troubled myself to find him.

On a pleasant day of the May [illegible], as I was strolling leisurely [illegible] Street, whom should I see [illegible] but mine ancient friend of the [illegible] ceived me at a distance and [illegible] cognition. Still it was doubtful [illegible] expectation [illegible] to suspect, and [illegible] one of a renewal of it. But [illegible] avoid an interview, for he had [illegible] within [illegible] of me. I [illegible] disturbed my [illegible], and was [illegible] fortune, how he did, when a [illegible] the ivory-headed cane [illegible] —Merciful Heaven!—I had [illegible] before Old Timepiece, who had [illegible] his pupil not the authority of a [illegible]

GALAXY AND MERCURY.

"The following beautiful poem, is a [illegible] from the pen of James William [illegible] poet of great promise, who, as [illegible] already been informed, [illegible] the public prints, died a [illegible] West Indies. He was [illegible] Boston Literary Gazette [illegible] merit, which was [illegible] by the public in this [illegible] quently united with [illegible]

There are [illegible] through the [illegible] thrown [illegible] which if [illegible] once on [illegible] ing moment [illegible] dead poet.

THE [illegible]

"There was [illegible] [illegible]

He was in [illegible]
In the [illegible]
Beneath the [illegible]
The palm of [illegible]
For noble [illegible]
Unseen [illegible]

They [illegible]
And young death [illegible]
And [illegible]
Smil'd to death [illegible]
But there was One [illegible]
Rested, as on his [illegible]

Around each happy home [illegible]
Were nestling children [illegible]
And little blossoms [illegible]
Glow'd by the [illegible] light;
Yet there was one [illegible]
Meditation in the [illegible] of Death

All other eyes were fixed,
And searching look to look;
And he in them gay thoughts might [illegible]
As in a [illegible] book:
But in that veiled Mystery
Were shrouded things not meet for [illegible]

Stirs fixed up and [illegible]
Thrilled and cymbal's clang,
Soft lute and gittern [illegible]
The fixed [illegible]
Yet from that Form [illegible]
He turned [illegible]

Nor voice nor music broke
The fearful silence there;
Sights, sounds, that mirth and joy awoke,
Went by as silent air:
He saw, no eye, he heard, [illegible]

[illegible]
Stern patient [illegible]
All pensive [illegible]
But [illegible]
Yet [illegible]
As [illegible]

For bill the Form [illegible]
And he grasp [illegible]
Yet [illegible]
Gloom'd on his [illegible]
He view'd [illegible]
And Reason'd, [illegible]

"Now speak [illegible]
Speak to [illegible]
As from [illegible]
[illegible]

He rose: the [illegible]
Shook to the [illegible]
The [illegible]
Within the [illegible]
[illegible] shall thee—I will know
What [illegible] that dost chill me so."

Flash'd up the flame, and shone
With one expiring ray:
The white brow of the [illegible]
Glow'd on him where he lay:
And he both bless'd the death, that o'er
That formless Form it veil'd once more.

He! Epicurean,
Where now thy boasted mirth?
Proud reveller! art thou this wast
Child of thy mother earth?
And has thou come, at last, to see
What treasure mirth and pride must be?

The morning sun stream'd bright
Through vaulted [illegible],
And flung in [illegible] elegant'd light,
On temple dome and shrine:
Then rose'd the Epicurean
Back to his home, a wiser man.

The Art of Bankruptcy. The Philadelphia Aurora contains a whimsical notice sent by a "farmer" with two dry goods merchants, which is an excellent illustration of the effects of too much zeal in giving minute directions to those who are to execute our commissions. "[illegible] your phraseology [illegible] the check, but it has full [illegible] to be for a large number, they [illegible] a large one and a [illegible] fear, I should not be [illegible] that if you have [illegible] to be [illegible] to [illegible] —I beg [illegible]

"P. S. I hope you will change your lawyer

price, and if you please not to send a silk one but cloth, full yard long and full, and please to send it to Mr. ——'s shop office, pray don't send me a silk one, but plaid. I have altered my mind, I should not like it silk, but plaid, let it be full yard long and plaid, and not more than twelve dollars at most, and one of the cheapest you have and full yard long, send two, both of length, and both [illegible] price, they be both for one woman, they must be [illegible] fashion and price, fall them not [illegible] yard long.

"N. B. If the lowest fashion be longer than a yard, [illegible] longer, but let them be full, be [illegible] two, let one be silk and the other [illegible] at the lowest price, both of [illegible]."

[illegible] King of Sweden. These memorials [illegible] from [illegible] rather than [illegible] towards [illegible] respect which [illegible]

[illegible] 8th of October [illegible] compelled to determine [illegible] this, from [illegible] a considerable [illegible] he addressed a [illegible] of his instructions giving [illegible] relative to the [illegible] system.' Bernadotte answer [illegible] to exclude English [illegible] should do more be prevented, and that in Sweden [illegible] very much restricted. Still all [illegible] should be enforced to [illegible] yes this letter despatched, [illegible] could have reached the emperor, [illegible] of the Swedish government an [illegible] of war against England. If in five [illegible] was not complied with, he was to quit the country with France who is below.

[illegible] this place placed to a very awkward position. [illegible] the appearance of having come to Sweden [illegible] to enforce the orders of the emperor. To remove [illegible] impression, as far as he could, he abstained [illegible] part in the deliberations of the council. Fa[illegible] the measures imposed by the emperor to the [illegible] of Sweden, compliance was inevitable, and war [illegible] declared. Bernadotte, in consequence of [illegible] seems to preserve the war, a[illegible] to Napoleon, in which he frankly [illegible] the [illegible] of the country, and solicited the assistance which was indispensable for the execution of his wishes. No answer was vouchsafed; but instead thereof, demands were made on the Swedish government for 4,000 seamen to serve in the French fleet at Brest, and a concurrence in a confederation with Denmark and the Duchy of Warsaw, both of which, however, were declined. The [illegible] of Algier becoming intolerable, Bernadotte [illegible] his vessels, and he was accordingly [illegible] by another, who was not a whit less [illegible] and for this was finally dismissed. In the [illegible] and disorganized the year 1811, the hostility of the French Court was shown by the systematic injustice of the officers preying under the prize-courts—more than fifty Swedish vessels being condemned and no redress being [illegible]. Frequent remonstrance in vain, the Swedish government took the advance of their commerce into their own hands, and in December seized a French [illegible]. A [illegible] of the circumstance [illegible] made and again no written notice was given.

[illegible] Bernadotte [illegible] or previous [illegible] entered into Pomerania and [illegible] the [illegible] was demanded in [illegible] still at last M. Signeul [illegible] silence—no explanation, or even [illegible] fresh orders for a declaration of war against England, and offensive measures against the English shipping in the Cattegat and Baltic, and [illegible] a levy of 40,000 men to operate against Russia. But Signeul was too late. Indignant at the treatment he had received, Bernadotte had appealed to Russia, and a treaty between the [illegible] governments had actually been signed—in which Russia engaged to unite Norway and guarantee the peaceable possession of it to Sweden.

In July friendly relations with England were renewed. Till the ensuing February, however, the Swedish ambassador resided at Paris, urging an explanation on the subject of the occupation of Pomerania. At last, when he had demanded his passports, in order to return home, he received a note alleging the seizure of the French privateer as the cause, though it was notorious that in advance of the intentions of France had been manifested months before the seizure. To this communication Bernadotte wrote a reply which amounted to a renunciation of all further intercourse and a declaration of war. This letter is filled with reflections and allusions that must have been gall and wormwood to the emperor. It indignantly arraigns all further attempts at conciliating his friendship, and refers him for peace to Russia and England.

For two years Bernadotte had been actively engaged in organizing his army, which amounted to [illegible] men; and in May 1812, he crossed over to Stralsund with his troops in [illegible] the arrival of the Russians. He [illegible] both the field at the head of [illegible] Russian and Prussian troops, and the entire part he took in the campaign of [illegible] is well known.

The activity and wisdom of this man are truly worthy of admiration. He has been the regenerator of Sweden. The [illegible] prosperity, has population multiplied and has agriculture flourished. They grew all their own corn and [illegible] across the country, constituting John [illegible] the country entirely independent of the [illegible].

[illegible] Mr. S. C. Hall has [illegible] and the [illegible] published, an [illegible] which are quite [illegible] of [illegible] and are [illegible] of [illegible] to be [illegible] of [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] the

Parson Clubbington, who had warned me "that I should find Mr. Adams a very clever, good sort of man, who would receive me civilly, and which I should like more and more as I became better acquainted." Amazed and distrust my mind of some concealed design between the pride, pomp, and circumstance of royalty, on one hand, of government, and the purpose and condition of the President of a great and virtuous republic. With these analogies in my fancy, my friend the ambassador's speech strangely confounded me; for although I had been introduced to almost every crowned head in Europe, I had never had any thing addressed to me as "a very clever, good sort of man, who would receive me civilly."

The very standing of my mind, having dressed myself in waiting, contributed to the intolerably hot weather, (that is to say, while Spanish heathens have and death ever were,) I took my carriage as directed, and walked to the Presidential palace, called the Capitol. I was much struck with the size, with the large scale of the building, and with the bold character of the architecture, although, by the by, the dispatch of the Irish architect has a resemblance to the fitting of our Custom House in London.—Big pillars and pilasters, magnificent edifices. The [illegible] heat of an almost vertical sun prevented my stopping long to gaze on the outside of the building; I proceeded to what I suppose I must call the hall of state. They were open, and [illegible] the left wing open, I passed the magnificent hall. It wanted least to allure and to gallery, as I have described the entrance hall of Devonshire palace; but nothing could be more unlike than the character of the two places. I [illegible] no paintings of the old masters; no gods and goddesses, demi-gods and satyrs, or allegories; no [illegible], or objects of virtu, with which every palace in Europe, even of the German Margraves, is [illegible]. I stood, however, gazing in admiration of this hall, and at the vista of rooms, whistling to myself, [illegible] a tune, and making my remarks aloud, [illegible] I was alone. Presently turning upon my heel, I [illegible] to my astonishment, that I had been standing for [illegible] to an elderly servant, seated in a large [illegible], and who, without attempting to rise, kept looking at me with an expression barely sufficient to prove that he was conscious of my presence. The effect was very ludicrous. I stopped my whistling, and stared at this placid dull old fellow. Had I not broken silence first, I believe we might have stood gazing on each other till this hour; for his temperamental gravity continued undisturbed, and he evinced not the slightest intention to speak.—All I got by my game was the discovery that his livery, if [illegible] it could be called, was very old-fashioned, much the worse for wear, and that the sleeves of his coat were too short for his arms by about six inches. At length breaking silence, I said, 'Well, my friend, I have a letter of introduction, and I suppose I must, according to your ceremonies, or rather disceremonies,—for you do not seem overburdened with them,—to what officer of state or of the household this letter must be delivered?'—'Oh, that's what you want, is it? So you have a letter, have you?—Where is it?'—'Why, friend, at this moment, it is in my pocket.'—'And who is it for, pray?'—'Why certainly I ought to have stated that in the first instance. It is for the President of the United States.'—'Oh, for Mr. Adams, is it? Why then you must wait, I will give it me and I'll take it into him at once,' said the old man, slowly raising himself on his arms upon the elbows of the chair. With a lazy, lounging gait, and an air of drowsy indifference, he proceeded with my letter, leaving me standing alone in the hall, with hat on and umbrella in my hand. He got tired of waiting, and sat down in his chair, exclaiming upon the singularity of the scene. In about a quarter of an hour he returned, saying, with a sleepy nonchalance, 'The President is very busy, but he says you may see him now, if you please; so, if you like, you may follow me.' What a contrast to the host of Russian menials, the succession of halls lined with troops, and filled with almost an army of servants with splendid liveries, and officers in magnificent uniforms, with stars, orders, plumes, and decorations!

I followed the servant through four well-sized rooms, meanly and indecently furnished, and I entered a fifth, larger than the rest, at the extremity of which sat a little [illegible] man, rather shabbily dressed. He was sitting at a large table covered with piles of printed and manuscript papers, some of which I thought might as well have been dusted. 'Will you excuse me, Colonel ——, for a few minutes, till I have finished this letter?—Please the gentleman sit down,' said the President. In due time the letter was finished, folded, sealed, and directed; and the President, shoving his chair from the table, throw his left ankle upon his right knee, and rubbing the calf of his leg, began a familiar conversation with me. He had short breeches and cotton stockings, and I observed that one knee was partly unbuttoned, and the strings of his shoes were untied. His whole demeanour affected, and his conversation tended, and pleasing to the extreme. I rather, in an equal space of time, heard no [illegible] good sense so much gentleman and extensive knowledge, so [illegible] such talent at illustration in any man. I began to feel what my friend had told me, "that the more I knew him the better I should like him."

The next day I had the honor of dining with the President. There were fourteen gentlemen at table, five of whom were officers of state, and three were foreigners.—The company evinced the highest breeding and the most [illegible] manners. The conversation was extremely interesting; and I observed in all the functionaries present a disposition to be friendly and hospitable towards me, but to [illegible] me independence upon every point. Nothing could be more frank and unpretentious than the conduct of all of them. I had forgot to observe that, with the exception of the being placed at table immediately to the right of the President, the guests stood not on the order of their sitting; each man placed himself as he pleased, without ceremony or reference to rank.

As I left the Capitol, the President, shaking me by the hand, said, 'I hope I shall see you to-morrow, Colonel ——.' I replied in the affirmative, without knowing what he meant; but on returning home, I found there was to be a grand levee, and to that I accordingly repaired.

I had now to gain admission to the Capitol, or palace, by a different entrance. The approach is by a very elegant peristyle. There is a court formed by an iron railing with three gates, through which the crowd, which was very much, was not allowed to pass. The audience-hall was spacious, of an elliptical form, and richly, though simply, decorated. The President, as I entered, was seated at the extremity of the hall in an arm chair, undistinguished by form, elevation, or any respect, from the other chairs around it. Four of his principal ministers were seated close to him, and a number of military and naval officers, all the functionaries of government, the municipal authorities, and agent members of the representatives, were ranged in a semicircle to the right and left. All the gentlemen officers, with the exception of the naval and military, were in plain blue coats, without any lace or decoration. After several presentations, received by the President with a simple unaffected dignity, the assistants rose from their seats, the whole company broke into little groups, and the conversation became unrestrained and cheerful. There were present a number of gentlemen of science, not many of literature, and few of what we should call taste. The tone of conversation was always more matter than ornament, and I was struck with the extent of information which was evinced by those with whom I conversed. But the least custom part of this scene was the heavily mother-of-thirteen air with which the gentlemen, on their departure, took their hats from the corner [illegible], and, shaking each other's arms, walked down the central hall as we should walk from a morning concert, or a lecture at the Royal Institution. Many went away on horseback, many in open carriages with one or two footmen, some quietly by stages boys, and a few more in chaise carriages. The whole scene was full of simplicity; and every feature was heightened in my mind by the comparison I could not help drawing between the Court (so to call it once more) of Washington, and all other Courts at which I had been present.

BOSTON MERCURY.

"By your smart leave [illegible]"

THE [illegible]

A [illegible]

We give an [illegible]

Dr. Slop. This is a wonderful age we live in, Captain Shandy. We are continually making the most astonishing discoveries, and great astonishing improvements in every thing. Look now, the whole world together; every thing is turned topsy-turvy. Old things are pushed away, all things are become new. We are continually [illegible] the secrets of nature, making metaphysics as plain as day, and driving the mountains in all departments. As Mr. Pope says,

"Every thing does go by steam now."

Parson Clubbington said in his last sermon, speaking of his thirteenth general head, that the march of intellect was the grand characteristic of the age in which we lived.

Uncle Toby. If I remember right, Paul Fry says something to the same effect.

Dr. Slop. Paul Fry was rather of opinion that the age was characterized by the spirit of [illegible].

Uncle Toby. Well, that is pretty much the same thing. Every thing is found out by inquiry. It is the grand pioneer in the march of improvement, which I suppose is what you mean by the march of intellect.

Dr. Slop. Not exactly, Captain Shandy. Things may improve without intellect's advancing. Thus, Miss Susannah handles the warming-pan with more dexterity than formerly; she has improved in the management of it, yet there is no march of intellect in the case.

Uncle Toby. I don't understand this, Doctor. Intellect is intellect, whether it be exercised upon warming-pans or the windows of Solomon.

Dr. Slop. The distinction lies here, Captain Shandy, it is all in the philosophy of the thing. Now Susannah has not a philosophical notion of the warming-pan and its properties and operations; she goes about the thing in an empirical fashion, as we of the faculty say.

Uncle Toby. Pray, Doctor Slop, where is the advantage of having a philosophical notion of warming a bed? I should as soon think of charging bayonet in a philosophical fashion. I thought it was all a straight forward business—force a breach in the curtain, carry the covertway, and then make a lodgment.

Dr. Slop. That is a common error. Nothing can be a greater mistake than to imagine that the general concerns of human business depend upon such simple operations. There is philosophy in every thing, and we now begin to find it out.

Trim. Please your honor that is just what Simon Spout said the other evening in his speech at Faneuil Hall.—Says he, Mr. Chairman, this is the age of improvement; every man must become his own teacher, his own legislator, and his own philosopher. We must keep pace with the spirit of the age, and diffuse the light of knowledge over the land, thereby dispelling the darkness of this enlightened community.

Dr. Slop. Ay, the spirit of the age is really astonishing, as we say in this country. We are doing wonders, by means of societies; these are societies now for every thing in versum natura.

Trim. Yes, your honor. There is Obadiah belongs to the "March of Intellect Society."

Dr. Slop. Indeed?

Trim. Yes, your honor. And Susannah, the housemaid, belongs to the Union Young Men's Education Society.

Uncle Toby. A very effective member, I dare say.

Trim. And Jonathan, the coachman, belongs to the Grand Railway Temperance Society.

Dr. Slop. Ah! Total abstinence is now the order of the day. Great improvements, Captain Shandy; drinking is nearly done with, and it is now pretty clearly proved that eating must share the same fate. It is all a beastly sort of business. Most will not suffer to eat nor wine to drink. So it has been proved in the pulpit.

Uncle Toby. You don't say so.

Dr. Slop. Oh yes, proof positive. I wish you had heard Mr. Screechwell's sermon on the subject. It was a most ingenious and convincing piece of logic. Said he, "I am astonished that this intelligent and virtuous community should shut their eyes to the progress of this growing evil."

Uncle Toby. Very ingenious and logical truly.

Dr. Slop. "And my hearers," said he, "we live in a land pre-eminent for every blessing under heaven; we are increasing in wealth and prosperity beyond all example; we are held in high esteem throughout the world, for [illegible] we are a nation of drunkards, and are fast driving headlong to the gulf of destruction."

Uncle Toby. And this sermon he cut in his chest and wrote for the benefit of his hearers and the information of the world. A most excellent device for enlightening mankind! Pray, where did he get his knowledge of the subject?

Dr. Slop. Out of the Temperance papers.

Uncle Toby. Temperance papers! What is a Temperance paper? in the name of gunpowder!

Dr. Slop. Bless me! don't you know? Why, a Temperance paper is a sheet filled with all the tales of drunkenness that can be raked and scraped out of every nook and corner of the twenty-four states.

Uncle Toby. I should think it must be a most precious jumble of filthy abominations.

Dr. Slop. Not at all, not at all; it is the most interesting thing in the world. There is every variety of jollification, from "How came you so," to "Drunk as a fiddler." It is the most delightful thing in the world to read. I would advise you to look at them. You cannot conceive what wonders the march of intellect is doing.

Trim. An please your honor, there was one left in the kitchen last week, and Obadiah read it through. He said it was a greater provocative to drink than a salt herring.

Uncle Toby. The march of intellect! with a vengeance.

Trim. And Deborah, the scullion, belongs to the Grand Supernumerary Auxiliary Foreign Missionary Society.

Uncle Toby. What, in the name of cannon-balls and bomb-shells, has that foolish fat scullion to do with foreign missions? She does not know ten letters of the alphabet, and could not, for the soul of her, tell whether the inhabitants of Cape Cod were Jews, Pagans or Christians.

Dr. Slop. Oh that matters not, Captain Shandy. I think it doubtful whether one half of them are much better informed; but we must forward the march of intellect among the heathen.

Trim. And Parson Yorick belongs to a Peace Society.

Uncle Toby. A Peace Society!

Dr. Slop. Yes, a Peace Society. A society for the extirpation of war.

Uncle Toby. Our armies were terribly in Flanders, but if they had heard of such a thing as a Peace Society, they would have done worse.

Dr. Slop. But don't you think it an excellent plan?—[illegible] it to be a great proof of the march of intellect [illegible] such an ingenious project should [illegible] to fighting at once.

Uncle Toby. [illegible]?

Dr. Slop. [illegible] get all the European monarchs, [illegible] Emperor of China, the Bashaw of [illegible], the Pope, the Shah of Persia, [illegible] the Great Mogul, and the King of [illegible] into this plan, there will be a [illegible] and we shall instantly [illegible].

Uncle Toby. Excellent, Doctor! But suppose one of the parties to this potentiate agreement should take it into his head to break the bargain.

Dr. Slop. Why, then the rest must make war upon him and bring him to terms.

Uncle Toby. Make war?

Dr. Slop. Yes, to preserve peace.

Uncle Toby. What sort of a doctrine is that?

Dr. Slop. Oh, the spirit of intellect. You cannot conceive what wonders the march of intellect is doing.

[Enter Obadiah.]

Obadiah. Oh Captain Shandy, you can't conceive what an accident has happened! Indeed it was not my fault. You don't say it was my fault, your honor.

Uncle Toby. No, I cannot say it was any body's fault till I know what it is.

Obadiah. "Why, you see I have locked into the hornwork, and demolished all your fortifications!

Uncle Toby. Mercy on us! what, all my preparations for the siege of Addrassaghi?

Obadiah. Yes, your honor; they have trampled down the ramparts, hacked up the cittadel, and whisked away the half-moon with their tails.

Uncle Toby. Oh, shade of Vauban! Is the whole city demolished?

Obadiah. All but one side of a bastion, and a yagi and a half of a redan.

Uncle Toby. And how came this?

Obadiah. The cows broke through a fence, while I was [illegible].

Uncle Toby. Why did not Jonathan drive the cows away?

Obadiah. Jonathan was attending the monthly meeting of the Grand Railway Temperance Society.

Uncle Toby. Well then; could not Susannah do it?

Obadiah. Oh no, your honor; Susannah had gone to the Young Men's Education Society.

Uncle Toby. And was there nobody else belonging to the house?

Obadiah. Nobody but the scullion, and she was at a meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society.

Uncle Toby. And pray, Mr. Obadiah, where was you?

Obadiah. I was at the March of Intellect Society, to hear the Grand Quarterly Report.

Uncle Toby. Really, Doctor Slop, I must allow that the march of intellect is doing wonders. It has marched the servants out of the house, and marched the cows into my fortifications.

Johnston's Scraps. The success of the first number of this publication was so decidedly evinced in the rapid sale of the whole edition, that the ingenious author has been induced to design and engrave a second, in which will be found abundant food for merriment. We have been favored with a sight of the sheets, embracing thirty-six designs of the most laughable description. Some of them are happy and forcible [illegible] the prevailing tastes of the age, others are correct representations of scenes which Johnston himself has witnessed and carefully noted down, —and not a few are the comical inventions of that "mad wag," who knows how to "set the table on a roar," by his peculiar style of narrating such events as have passed under his observation, and whose skill with the pencil and graver in the delineation of all manner of oddities, and the embodying of every incident in life that can be twisted or turned into a broad joke, is altogether unequalled in this country.

It is impossible to describe these things accurately.—They must be carefully examined to be appreciated, and the expressions of individual countenances studied before the acuteness of Mr. Johnston's observation, and his deep sense of the humorous can be fully comprehended. We will however attempt to give our readers a general idea of three or four of the pictures.

"Practitioners at the bar lamenting the failure of the United States mint," represents three or four doleful looking fellows standing at a tavern bar complaining of the coldness of the spring. "Bless my soul," says one of these tipsters, "how many sufferers there are when early crops fail! This time last year I was swallowing oceans of mint-julep, and here I am in the middle of June obliged to stick to winter's cocktail!"

"Short accommodations for a long gentleman" displays a wayfaring man of uncommon longitude stretched upon a couch so brief that he is compelled to extend his limbs out of the chamber window. [illegible] lay upon his feet and ankles, and with a placid smile the tired traveller remarks, "what honest cognitive country folks are, here they have been running upon my legs all night, without making an irregular appropriation of a single corn."

"The desperate case of insanity," is in the committal of an unfortunate wight to the Lunatic Hospital, for "returning a borrowed umbrella when it had ceased to rain, though there was every appearance of a shower in a day or two."

"The overturned Stage" exhibits Mr. Peters, in various attitudes, swallowing a bar of iron, walking on the ceiling with his head downwards, balancing plates and swords upon his nose, climbing a rope, &c. &c. In the foreground an opera dancer is making rapid gyrations with her legs extended like a pair of dividers, at an angle of 90 degrees. Poor Shakspeare is thrown to the earth, and his nose is broken by a blow from a balance-pole. The clown treads upon his head and says, "Lay close Bill, till the lady's done, and then you may get up and chalk the rope."

We have no room for further remarks upon this entertaining collection, but can assure our readers that it will afford them a good hour's boisterous enjoyment—for, as to scrutinizing the several engravings with a sober countenance or in a quiet way, we maintain it to be an impossibility.

Natural Curiosity. There is now exhibiting at No. 22 Cornhill, late Market street, a wonder of that sort which surpasses any thing of the kind ever before heard of. It is the remains of the monstrous mammoth discovered three or four years ago, near Fort St. Philip, on the Mississippi.—These remains consist of a jaw bone 22 feet in length, and portions of the spine, ribs and legs proportionably large. The animal when alive must have [illegible], we should judge, as high as the Old South Church steeple is long. The largest mammoth ever known [illegible] have been a mere puppy to this fellow. He could have lapped cows by the dozen, and gobbled up the Canadian fleet without chewing. A pair of them would [illegible] have been ballast enough for Noah's ark, if [illegible] of any remarkable longings.

THE THEATRE.

Mr. Booth continues to draw full houses, and has given, during the last week, with one or two exceptions, a very good specimen of his powers. He [illegible] which is all that thing to him does. We [illegible] the age, except Kean, who has made so much of the character, though Booth is rather wanting in physical power for so violent a character as *Sir Giles*; the nicer shades of the Knight's character were delineated by him with great vividness and correctness.

In *Hamlet*, he made some good points, as in the closet scene, and the scene with *Ophelia*, but the general character was deficient in distinctness [illegible] prominence. It was obscure and without [illegible].

In *Lear*, he is generally allowed to have failed. He wanted the true pathos of description throughout, although he was far from deficient in energy.

The tragedy of the *Apostate* gave him an opportunity of exhibiting a picture of deep, subtle and refined [illegible] in the character of Pescara, to which [illegible] full justice. We should imagine that the power of [illegible] to this play, demanded some higher powers than those of Pescara, there is a greater lightness and variety [illegible] in Sir Giles and two or three of the others very well, but he is quite unequal to the whole character.

[illegible] Calendar.

COMMUNICATIONS HAVE [illegible].

Union,	Hampden,	[illegible]
Mechanic,	Wellfleet,	[illegible]
Rising Star,	Lunenburg,	"
St Patrick,	Newburyport,	"
Liberty,	Boston,	"
Hancock,	Quincy,	"
Mount Vernon,	Cambridge,	"
Columbian,	Hingham,	"
Union,	Hingham,	"
Washington,	Plymouth,	"
King Solomon,	Charlestown,	"
Benevolent,	Boston,	"
Orient,	Boston,	"
Joseph Warren,	Boston,	"
Jacob Wendell,	Boston,	"
Unity,	Boston,	"
Fraternal,	Boston,	"
Unity,	Boston,	"
Fraternal,	Boston,	"
Philanthropic,	Boston,	"
St Albans,	Boston,	"
Julian,	Boston,	"
Rising,	Boston,	"
Harmony,	Newburyport,	"
Mount Hermon,	Salem,	"
Norfolk Union,	Roxbury,	"
Siloam,	Lexington,	Thursday
St. Andrews	Boston,	Thursday
Merrimack,	Haverhill,	"
Mount Moriah,	South Reading,	"
Constitution,	Boston,	"
Pentucket,	Chelmsford,	"
Rising Star,	Stoughton,	"
Washington,	Roxbury,	"
Mount Zion Chapter,	Stoughton,	Monday
Washington, R. A.	Salem,	Tuesday

Marriages.

In this city, Samuel Anderson to Catharine Emerson.
John Hickman, of Wellfleet, to Sarah Ann, daughter of John Wilson, branch pilot.
Levi Goodwin, of Hallowell, Me. to Sarah F. Fuller.
Samuel Nelson to Mrs. Hannah Davies, formerly of the New-England Coffee House, London.
By the Right Rev. Bishop Fenwick, David G. Johnston to Sarah Elizabeth, 2d daughter of Thomas Murphy.
James Mills to Lydia Davis.
Charles Upham to Elizabeth Cogan.
Lewis Wood to Thankful H. Allen.
In Charlestown, Nathaniel W. Stanbird to Mary B. Shaw.
In Roxbury, John Phillips, of Roxburyport, to Sarah A.; and Ch's Davis, Jr. of Roxbury, to Ellen S. daughter of Jonathan Shaw, Esq. of Roxbury.
In Cambridge, Jonathan W. Ford to Catharine Cutler, of Boston.
In West Cambridge, Walter Fletcher to Matilda Sleeper.
In Watertown, James Barnard of this city, to Ann Wright, of Watertown.
In Quincy, Josiah Fitch, formerly of Lunenburg, to Eleanor Nutting, late of Scituate.
In Lynn, John Andrews to Rebecca Fern.
In Salem, Joseph Beavers to Mary C. Fryo; Charles Weston to Mary E. Ward; Joel Branning to Nancy Hall; Peter Lewis to Sarah Fenix; Samuel Shreve to Sally Price.
In Gloucester, Capt. John Low Rogers to Abigail Knights.
In Concord, Mass. James Stockbridge, of Malden, to Mary Ann Wentworth.
In Groton, Norman Seaver, Esq. of this city, to Anna Maria, eldest daughter of Luther Lawrence, Esq.
In East Sudbury, William Whittemore, of Weston to Mary Smith.
In Providence, on Tuesday morning, by Rev. Dr. Edes, Samuel Tupiff, proprietor of the Merchants' Hall News Room in this city, to Jane Sutherne, second daughter of William Blackstone, Esq. formerly of this city.

Deaths.

In this city, Thomas Sealy, aged 50 years.
Mary Ann Page, 18; Elijah B. Dunbar, 29.
Nancy Reed, 35; Daniel Trask, 30.
In Roxbury, Wm. Whitney, son of John Fowle.
In West Cambridge, Joseph Foster, 45.
At South Boston, Benjamin Frazier, 38.
In Lynn, Major Ezra Stickney, 64; Samuel Shepis, child of Samuel T. Ivens, aged 5 mos.
[illegible] Hingham, Catharine Russell, infant daughter of Lebbeus and Lucy G. Stickland, aged 6 weeks; Rob. Henry Henry, aged 54.
In Duxbury, Sally, wife of Charles Hall—also an infant child of the above.
In New Bedford, Aunt Crapo, aged about 90; Sarah, wife of Thomas Parker, aged 62.
In Barnstable, Thomas, infant child of Ralph L. and Sarah L. Dunstable.
In Plymouth, Jerusha, wife of Samuel Talbot, aged 31; Elizabeth, wife of John Swift.
In Chelmsford, William, aged 17, son of Wm. Foley, of Portsmouth. Killed by the blowing of a rock.
In Sharon, Rev. Henry Mosher, aged 86. He was born at Hamburg, Germany, and served as chaplain in Gen. Washington's army during the Revolutionary war.
In East Sudbury, Olive, wife of Joseph Moulton.
In Sharon, Ex. Gov. Paley Wadsworth, a soldier of the Revolution, and for many years Representative in Congress from Cumberland District.
In New Orleans, Hon. John W. Smith.
In New Brunswick, Robert Smith, Esq. aged 77. Mr. Smith was one of the American Loyalists who emigrated to N. B. at the end of the Revolutionary war.

HEALING POWERS OF [illegible] LIVERWORT.

A. [illegible] a young man between 20 and 30 years of age, has been [illegible] to confine himself for two years, to [illegible].

In the winter of 1827-8, he was seized with her cough with every symptom of confirmed consumption; pulse 110 to the minute; hectic fever, incessant cough, with profuse night sweats, which in fourth [illegible] to fall a victim in a few days, night sweats, debility, and great emaciation.

After having tried the usual means to no effect, the Liverwort was resorted to. It was first taken in decoction without any apparent benefit; a concentrated syrup was then taken, and to the astonishment of all his friends, he rapidly recovered, so far as to be able to attend to business, and the coming following worked a small garden, and has continued unchanged in health and flesh to this date.

New Lebanon, April 16th, 1828.

N. B. The above account is taken from the case book of the Physician to the Society of Shakers in New Lebanon, and may be relied on as correct.

The above named Syrup is for sale by EBENEZER WIGHT, Druggist, 46 Milk street, opposite Federal street, Boston.

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NOTICE. BOSTON SOCIETY FOR THE DIFFUSION OF USEFUL KNOWLEDGE. The subscribers to this Society being already more than sufficient to fill the Hall of the Athenæum, and applications being daily made for Tickets, notice is hereby given, that arrangements have been made with the gentlemen to repeat the Lectures on each Saturday evening.

Persons desirous of attending, may procure tickets at the Bookstores of Messrs. Carter & Hendee, corner of Washington and Federal streets. The price of Tickets will be as before advertised; 50 for ladies, 67 for misses.

The Lectures will be given by the following gentlemen:

Dr. Walter Channing,	Hon. Alexander H. Everett,
Dr Francis Lieber,	Rev. Alonzo Potter,
Dr. John Park,	Dr. Chanding Robbins,
Hon. William Sullivan,	Hon. John Pickering.

By direction of the Managers.

dec 4 H. ROBINSON, Sec. pro tem.

DANCING ACADEMY. Mr. and Mrs. LAGRANGE, respectfully inform the Ladies and Gentlemen of this city, that the second quarter of their Dancing Academy will commence on the 5th of the next month.

Thursday and Saturday afternoons for the young ladies, and Wednesday and Saturday afternoons for the boys.

Evening Schools for Gentlemen every Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock.

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CAII JULII CÆSARIS COMMENTARII De Bello Gallico, Accedunt Aularis Auctium, cum indice Historicus et Geographicus, in usum Scholarum, curavit Prof. F. Lowrett. Just published by [illegible] GRAY & CO.

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A BOOK FOR MASSACHUSETTS CHILDREN, in Sabbath Lessons [illegible] lies and schools, with a Map of [illegible] BILLIARD, GRAY & CO.

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FOR SALE, or [illegible] ANDREWS [illegible] Vestry or Hall, [illegible] Cambridge, December 4.

JUST published by CARTER & HENDEE, the Subscribers [illegible] CONTENTS: [illegible] Primary Education; [illegible] Education of the U. S.; [illegible] Education; Letters of [illegible] Geography; Journal of [illegible] Sect Schools; University of [illegible] Life of Napoleon; [illegible] in Poetry; The Youth's [illegible] Outlines of Ecclesiastical History; [illegible] Tales; The North American [illegible] the Infant School at Home; Power [illegible] Parley's Method of Teaching Geography.

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NEW BOOKS. [illegible] for sale by CARTER & HENDEE [illegible] Washington's Biography of the [illegible] R. A. Bishop; Life of Andrew Jackson; [illegible] Thomas H. Benton's Chronicle; [illegible] Tales of Fashion; The Sacred [illegible] Poems by [illegible].

TRAVENIER'S [illegible] Just published and for sale by [illegible] Memoirs of Port Royal, [illegible] by P. R. Green, M. D. [illegible] Institutes of Public Law, &c. &c.

LAFAYETTE IN AMERICA [illegible] or Journal of a Voyage to the United States, Succeeding to Cuba, Mexico, Colombia, Guatemala, &c. [illegible] John D. Godman, M. D. Just received by [illegible]

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SALES AT AUCTION.

On SATURDAY, (To-morrow,) at [illegible] o'clock, At Bass & Atwood's Auction Room, [illegible] A variety of household furniture, in part [illegible] and other tables; Sofas; beds; [illegible] old; fancy and common chairs; chairs and rocking [illegible] a variety of other articles.

At 11 o'clock, [illegible]

On SATURDAY, (To-morrow,) at [illegible] o'clock, At Bass & Atwood's [illegible]

[illegible] Also—a second hand Piano Forte [illegible] test German Flute, of Conon Wood [illegible] tone and finish, [illegible] length of the instrument. [illegible]

Also—a fine rich and sweet toned [illegible] patent manger.

Also—2 fine Wood Flute, with 6 [illegible]

A quantity of valuable Sheet Music [illegible] worth of the first composers and [illegible] tuner and manufacturer of the Patent Piano [illegible] A large [illegible] Organ, with [illegible] and one hundred [illegible] four sets stops, and [illegible] Diapason, Principal, Dulciana, Stopped Diapason, Hautboy, Trumpet, Clarion, Cornet, Vox Humana, Tremulant, Swell, Grand Swell, Swell to Great, Great to Swell, Swell to Great Octaves, Swell to Great Octaves, Swell to Great Octaves

Literary Miscellany.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF LOVE.

Review of a French work entitled "De l'Amour," par M. Beyle.

Whatever little shall be the present, again, we expected from the philosophic pen of a lively observer of the traits of human nature, we have given the translation of the following, which we think will be found amusing, as it is a clear and accurate analysis of the passion of love, from the pleasing pen of the lively, yet philosophic author of the Sketches of Society, &c. &c.

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[illegible] the following table of their respective durations:

"There may be the interval of a year between No. 1 and No. 2.

"A month between No. 2 and No. 3.

"The twinkling of an eye (un clin d'œil) between No. 3 and No. 4.

"No interval between No. 4 and No. 5.

"A few days, more or less, according to temperament, habits, and force of character of the party, between No. 5 and No. 6.

"Not a moment's interval between No. 6 and No. 7."

We have not been sufficiently in the habit of splitting sighs to pronounce upon the philosophical merits of this summary: we would merely (in reference to Nos. 4 and 5, and Nos. 6 and 7) suggest to M. B., unless the objection should in any way interfere with his system, that, in questions of duration, any two given points of time, between which there is no interval, have been generally held to be simultaneous, or, in other words, mathematically one and the same.

The above condensed sketch contains the general results of the author's meditations upon the metaphysics of the heart. The rest of his work is occupied by deductions from these primary principles, and by illustrations drawn from his own experience or from books. Neither are very methodically arranged: we shall, therefore, be excused if we extract, rather at random, a few of the passages that strike us. Among his practical observations we find the following:

"In love nothing is more surprising than the first movement (*le premier pas*) and the extraordinary revolution of feeling that it occasions. No scene is more calculated to produce this than a ball-room. A rapid waltz, in a brilliantly-lighted saloon, fills the young heart with an intoxication before which timidity vanishes, and by thus augmenting the consciousness of its powers, fancies it at last with the courage to fall in love (*l'audace d'aimer*). For the sight of a lovely object is not in itself enough. On the contrary, extreme loveliness discourages persons of any sensibility. The object must be seen, if not manifesting a preference for us, at least divested of its majesty. No one thinks of falling in love with a queen, unless she makes the first advances. Nothing is, *therefore*, more favorable to the birth of love than a mixture of dull retirement, and occasional balls, with long intervals of expectation between them. Prudent mothers, who have daughters on their hands, know this, and act accordingly." And we shall add, in confirmation of our author's conclusions, that, in this country, prudent fathers know it too. John Bull never heard of crystallization; but his rough instinct revealed to him a secret, which [illegible] From the beginning, he set his face against the German waltz. No wheedling or pouting could bring him to endure it. It is even against his better judgment that he ever trusts one of his young and handsome daughters so far as "down the middle and back again." He had and has his reasons; and if he had equally his way (her one at last gets tired of being always in the right) not a foot would he allow them to set in one of those hot beds of enchantment, a brilliant ball-room.

"No quality is so likely to win a woman, whose heart is truly feminine, as force of character.—Hence the success of young officers of a remarkably grave deportment. Females even of the first order of mind are sometimes duped by the affectation of this quality;" and M. B. lays it down as a general rule, "that a little charlatanerie in this respect may be decidedly employed, provided it appears that the crystallization (on the lady's side) has actually commenced." In another passage he even hints that downright effrontery seldom fails, "either because it pleases in itself, or is mistaken for force of character."

M. Beyle has [illegible] his work with many original anecdotes. In the chapter on "Female Pride," he alludes to the fate of Fin, whose husband, Nello della Fiazza, in a fit of jealousy, carried her off to a solitary mansion in the marshes of Volterra, where, as he anticipated, she quickly took bilious the effects of the malaria. "It happened once to me in Piedmont," says M. B. "to hear the lamentatory whisper of a very similar circumstance, though, at the time, I was unacquainted with the details. I was detached with a party of dragoons into the woods that skirt the vale of Susa, to [illegible] smuggling that went on there. Upon [illegible] at night in that wild and desolate tract, [illegible] among the trees the ruins of an old [illegible] which I entered. To my great surprise, it was [illegible]. I found within it [illegible] with a couple of [illegible] I assured ourselves [illegible] with music. After a few days we [illegible] this man had a female in his [illegible] we laughingly called Camilla. We [illegible] the fact. I felt an [illegible] to see her in her [illegible] that had the [illegible] holy water, he intro[illegible] where she lay. I found [illegible] magnificent figures which [illegible] in the bosom of death. The [illegible] where concealed, as exclusion and tenderness, I can [illegible] the mournful spot. Five [illegible] Emperor [illegible] I considered in humanity [illegible] the poisonous [illegible] in his [illegible] of a young [illegible] they vanished. On the [illegible] of to the ruined chapel [illegible] of Susa. Like Nelli [illegible] inconsolable. In [illegible] his entire and wholly devoted [illegible] the watch, which he divides that above his person. He then present nearly [illegible] with her. At [illegible] death of a brother leaves, if the lover of her [illegible]. The husband meets an attempt [illegible] murder of the watch—[illegible] him—flies to Genoa—throws himself on board a ship, and has never since been heard of."

THE BROTHERS.

An Anecdote from the German of Müller.

Plays and romances disclose to us the most shining traits in the human mind: our imagination is inflamed, but our heart remains cold; at least the fervor which is raised in it in this manner is only momentary, and becomes chilled in practical life. At the same instant that we are moved almost to tears by the unadorned goodness of heart of the noble hero of romance, we perhaps spurn with anger from our door the miserable beggar who importunes us for charity. Who knows, whether this artificial existence in an ideal world, may not undermine our existence in the real one? We hover as it were about the two extremes of morality, angel and devil, and the medium—man—we abandon.

The following anecdote of two Germans, (with a proud joy do I say it) has one incontestable merit—it is true. I hope it may instil more warmth into my readers, than all the volumes of Grandison or of Pamela.

Two brothers, Barons of W——, were in love with a young and excellent lady, and neither was acquainted with the passion of the other. The affection of both was tender and vehement—it was their first: the maiden was beautiful, and formed of sensibility. They suffered their inclinations to increase to the utmost bounds, for the danger the most dreadful to their hearts was unknown to them, to have a brother for a rival. Each forbore an early explanation with the lady, and thus were both deceived; a fallacious unexpected occurrence discovered the whole secret of their sentiments.

Their love had already arrived to its utmost height: that most unhappy passion, which has caused almost as cruel ravages as its dreadful counterpart, had taken such complete possession of their hearts, as to render a sacrifice on either side impossible. The fair one, full of contemplation for the unhappy situation of these two unfortunates, would not decide upon the exclusion of either, but submitted her own feelings to the decision of their brotherly love.

Conqueror in this doubtful strife, betwixt duty and sentiment, which our philosophers are always so ready to decide, but which the practical man undertakes so slowly, the elder brother said to the younger, "I know thou lovest the maiden as vehement as myself. I will not ask for which of us a priority of right should determine. Do thou remain here, whilst I seek the wide world. I am willing to die, that I may forget her. If such be my fate, brother, then is she thine, and may Heaven bless thy love! Should I not meet with death, do then set out, and follow my example."

He left Germany, and hastened to Holland; but the form of his beloved still followed him.—Far from the climate, which she inhabited, banished from the spot which contained the whole felicity of his heart, in which alone he was able to exist, the unhappy youth sickened,—as the plant withers which is ravished from its maternal bed in Asia by the powerful European, and forced [illegible] rougher soil. He reached Amsterdam in a decomposing condition, where he fell ill of a violent and dangerous fever. The form of her he loved predominated in his frantic dreams; his health depended on her possession. The physicians were in doubt of his life, and nothing but the assurance of being restored again to her, rescued him from the arms of death. He arrived in his native city changed to a skeleton, the most dreadful image of consuming grief, and with tottering steps reached the door of his beloved—of his brother.

"Brother, behold me once again. Heaven knows how I have striven to subdue the emotions of my heart. I can do no more."

He sunk senseless into the lady's arms.

The younger brother was no less determined. In a few weeks [illegible] ready to set out.

"Brother, thou carriedst thy grief with thee to Holland. I will endeavor to bear mine further. Lead not the maiden to the altar till I write to thee. Fraternal love alone permits such a stipulation. Should I be more fortunate than thou wert, in the name of God let her be thine, and may Heaven prosper thy union. Should I not, may the Almighty in that case judge further between us! Farewell. Take this sealed packet; do not open it till I am far from hence. I am going to Batavia!"

He then sprung into the coach. The other remained motionless and stunned in grief, for his brother had [illegible] him in generosity. Love, and at the same time, the sorrow at losing such a man, rushed [illegible] upon his mind. The notice of the fly[illegible] pierced him to the heart—his life [illegible] The lady—but no! of her I must not yet speak.

The packet [illegible] It contained a complete assignment of all his [illegible] to his brother, in [illegible] of fortune being favorable to the fugitive [illegible] The latter, unfolding it himself, sailed [illegible] Dutch merchant, and arrived safely at this place. A few weeks after, he sent his brother the following lines:—

"Here, where I [illegible] thanks to the Almighty, here, in another world, do I think of thee, and of our loves, with all the joy of a martyr. New scenes and ev[illegible] expanded my soul, and God has given [illegible] offer the greatest sacrifice [illegible] the maiden—God! have a sure death fall upon him—I have conquered—the maiden is thine. Brother, it was not ordained that I should possess her; that he, she would not have been happy with me.—If the thought should ever come to her, that she would have been—Brother! brother! with difficulty do I tear her from my soul.—Do not forget her, and the assurance of her love [illegible] to thee. [illegible] always on thy youthful passion at present [illegible] Trust her always as the dear legacy of a [illegible] whose thy [illegible] will never cease doubtful. Farewell! Do not write to me, where [illegible] they [illegible] me, that [illegible] to me, that [illegible] in a country so [illegible] that God will [illegible] me in a foreign world."

[illegible] The parent dali[illegible] to you. At the end of [illegible] brother expiring [illegible] to her most intimate [illegible] the secret of her heart;—the ex[illegible] had broken the heart of her husband.

Bank Stock[illegible] 1816. The [illegible] upon his estate in Germany, where he has married again. The younger remains in Batavia, and has become a fortunate [illegible] shining character. He made a vow never to [illegible], and has kept it.

Scene on board a Stage Boat, from London to Colnie. "How do you feel yourself now, my darling?" said Mrs. Cleaver to her son, who had been driven below, by a shower, and kept his hat on, because, as he said, his "air was quite wet."—"Vy, mother, I have been as sick as a cat, but I'm being up so [illegible] and so peckish that I feel as if I could beat any thing."—"Then just warm these potatoes," said Smart, handing him the dish, "for they are almost cold."—"I'll thank you not to run your rigs upon me," quoth the young Cockney, looking glumpish, "or I shall fetch you a [illegible] with this here hash-stick. If one gives you a hinch, you take a hell."—"Never mind him, my dear," cried his mother, "eat this mutton-chop, it will do you good; there's no gravy, for Mr. Smart has all the sauce to himself. Haw! haw! haw!"—"Very good!" exclaimed the latter, clapping his hands; "egad! Ma'am, you are as good a wag as your own double chin." This was only ventured in a low tone of voice, and, as the fat dame was at that moment handing the plate to her son, it was fortunately unheard. Dick being still rather giddy, contrived to let the chop fall upon the floor,—an occurrence at which Mr. Smart declared he was not in the least surprised, as the young man, when first he came into the cabin, looked uncommonly chop-fallen. Dick, however, had presently taken a place at the table, and began attacking the buttock of beef with great vigor and vivacity, protesting he had got a famous "happetite," and felt "as angry as an elephant."—"I never say any thing to discourage any body," said Mr. Crook, "particularly young people; it's a thing I hate, but t'other day a fine lad sats down to his dinner in this very packet, after being seasick, just as you may be doing now, when it turned out he had broke a blood-vessel, and in twelve hours he was a corpse, and a very pretty one he made."

"I'm not going to be choused out of my dinner for all that," replied the youth, launching away with great industry, and at the same time calling out—"Steward! take away this porter-pot, it runs."—"I doubt that," cried Smart.—"I say it does," resumed Dick angrily, "the table-cloth is all of a trap."—"I'll bet you half-a-crown it doesn't." 'Done! and done!' were hastily exchanged, when Mr. Smart, looking round with a smirk, exclaimed—"Ladies and gentlemen, I appeal to every one of you whether the pot has not been perfectly still, and nothing has been running but the beer." This sticking a shot at poor Dick's expense, who sullenly muttered, "I'm not going to be bamboozled out of an 'alf-crown in that there way; and vat's more, I vont to make a standing joke by no man." "I don't care how you can," replied his antagonist, "so long as you are sitting." "Vy are you like a case of ketchup?" cried Dick, venturing for once to become the assailant, and immediately replying to his own enquiry, "Because you are a mass-hoy."—"Hand haw!" roared his mother, "Brave, Dick! well done, Dick! there's a proper rap for you, Mr. Smart." Somewhat nettled at this joke, poor as it was, the latter returned to the charge, by requesting of Dick [illegible] him to guess two or three times in vain, when, "Because there's a goose's hand in it," and instantly set the example of the horse-laugh, in which the company joined. Finding he was getting the worst of it, Dick thought it prudent to change the conversation, by observing that it would luckily be "high-water in the arbor when they arrived."—"Then I recommend you by all means to use some of it," said the partizan Mr. Smart; "perhaps it may cure your squint."

Antiquities. As the cutting down of Gallow-Hill, near this city, proceeds, many interesting remains of former ages are brought to light; but especially memorials of the dominion of the Romans, whose chief northern stations, as is well known, were in this district. On Tuesday last a most interesting discovery was made—that of a well-executed and neatly-designed Roman tomb, in fine preservation, five feet four inches long, and two feet nine inches and a half wide. It contained a female figure in alto relievo, three feet in length, holding in her left hand a richly sculptured flower; in her right a scarf, or some ambulatory ornament, which is thrown over the shoulder. Underneath is the following inscription:—

D·M·AVR AVRELIA· VIX·SIT
ANNOS XXXXI MI. PIVS
APOLINARIS. CONIVGI CARISSIME
POSUIT

Probably:—"Diis Manibus Aurelia. Aurelia vixit, annos 41: Memoria hoc Pius Apolinaris conjugi carissimæ posuit."

"To the Dii Manes of Aurelia. Aurelia lived 41 years. In memory, Pius Apollinaris placed, or commented, this to his dear wife."

The stone was found four feet and a half below the surface of the hill, which was evidently a Roman place of sepulture; it lay with the figure and inscription downwards. Near it was also discovered a roughly executed capital of a Corinthian column, 24 inches by 16, in red [illegible] six Roman urns, of various dimensions [illegible] of them full of ashes); a lachrymatory, [illegible] jet rings; the largest three inches in diameter, in an extraordinary perfect state.—*Caledonian Pilot.*

Greek Poem. The [illegible] a letter of a distinguished [illegible]—"We have had, in the [illegible] imaginary discovery of [illegible] or Vulcan, in which [illegible] verses of the best [illegible] have been found [illegible] with honorary [illegible] Greek passages, and by [illegible] other records such as Anthologies, [illegible] Magazine, [illegible]—all of which either [illegible] the paleology. These discoveries will be continued in the winter. About [illegible] entire pieces in shape, but [illegible] with blank figures, have also been found, which I imagine [illegible] for the [illegible] by complete [illegible]. The [illegible] of Greek [illegible] to [illegible] in [illegible] but [illegible] they still [illegible] to [illegible]. The discoveries have [illegible] was the best in the world, is, of course, much diminished in value."

JEWETT'S IMPROVED VEGETABLE [illegible]

NEW CIRCULATING LIBRARY [illegible]

PARTRIDGE'S LEATHER [illegible]

DR. JEWETT'S AMERICAN VEGETABLE [illegible]

NEW-ENGLAND FARMER'S ALMANAC [illegible]

EUROPEAN LEECHES. [illegible]

PONCHE A LA [illegible]

[illegible]